



CO Juvenile Justice Reform Committee: SB19-108

November 24, 2020, 1-3 (Zoom)

Minutes

Update from Diversion Working Group:

- Kirsta Britton presented an update from the working group on the initial implementation of the ARNA screening tool. Six (6) sites were selected to participate in the initial implementation phase – 2nd, 11th, 18th, 20th, 21st, and 22nd judicial districts. These sites have begun initial implementation and data collection.

Update from Outcome Measures Working Group

- Dr. Erin Crites presented system performance measure recommendations that were originally shared at the October JJRC meeting for a vote. The JJRC voted unanimously to approve the recommendation.
- The working group will present a short- and long-term plan for the collection of service provider outcome measures, for youth on probation and parole, that will include suggestions around how to build agency and provider capacity and needed resources to collect such data at the December meeting.

Update from Judicial

- Shawn Cohn provided an update on the juvenile probation standards and implementation of the YLS risk assessment instrument and related policies. The juvenile probation standards were revised based on feedback from the JJRC, and are ready to be submitted to the chief probation officers and then to the Chief Justice for review.
- The YLS implementation pilot districts (1st, 2nd, 20th, and 22nd judicial districts) have engaged in implementation training.
- At the December JJRC meeting, Judicial will present a summary of the YLS juvenile assessment summary report policy for review and feedback.

Update from DYS and CYDC

- Dr. Gina Vincent presented to the JJRC on the process and status of revising the current JDSAG detention screening instrument. Field testing of the JJRC is currently underway, and the revised JDSAG will be presented to the CYDC Advisory Board on December 11. A formal validation process will follow in 2021 to ensure that the tool works for Colorado's population.
- Anders Jacobson and Carl Blake provided an update on DYS' progress on implementation activities. DYS started training and piloting of the YASI assessment instrument in the southern region, with a full statewide implementation goal of May 2021. A summary of YASI policies, as well as a summary of the new LOS matrix and release guidelines, will be shared with the JJRC for review and feedback at the December meeting.

- Perry May and Minna Castillo Cohen, CDHS, presented information on Family First policies and alignment with the juvenile justice system.
- The new kinship policy and form template along with draft funding priorities for the CYDC will be presented to the CYDC Advisory Board on December 11.

Next Steps

- Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 22, 1:00-3:00pm MT